



# HOW YOU GET AROUND IS CHANGING

## Get Ready for January 11, 2019

### Seattle is entering a new era of tough traffic.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) permanently closes the Alaskan Way Viaduct on January 11, 2019, and the new SR 99 tunnel opens three weeks later in early February.

This closure, which is the longest highway closure in the history of the Puget Sound Region, is just the beginning.

Over the next five years, private and public construction projects will continue to change how we move and deliver goods.

### We call this the Seattle Squeeze.

All this will be worth it, but everyone needs a plan.

### Visit [www.seattle.gov/traffic](http://www.seattle.gov/traffic) for the tools and information you need to get around during the #SeattleSqueeze.

Can you change the way you get downtown? Here are some ideas:



#### Come in earlier or later.

Most people commute in the morning between 7 – 9 AM, and in the afternoon between 3 – 6 PM. Talk to your boss about changing the hours you work.



#### Leave your car at home.

Try biking, walking, carpool, vanpool, or public transit.



#### Give yourself extra travel time.

Traffic will be slower and will last longer throughout the day.



#### Tell us your questions and ideas.

We are here to help.

## What is the City of Seattle Doing to Prepare?

SDOT and its partner agencies are working together to manage congestion during this challenging period, limit the impact on commuters and businesses, and keep downtown open for business

We have developed five key ways to keep people and goods safely moving through downtown Seattle:



**Transportation system monitoring and management** of real-time traffic operations to closely monitor traffic, adapt our streets and signals and respond to traffic and incidents that block traffic.



**Reducing drive-alone trips** downtown by encouraging travelers who can to walk, bike, ride transit, join carpools, shift their work schedules early or later or work from home.



**Investing in transit** to meet demand and expand access by partnering with King County Metro to add more buses and pilot strategies that allow more people to ride transit.



**Managing the public right of way** to limit the amount of street space taken up by construction projects or parked cars.



**Coordinating regional communications** to help everyone be informed about upcoming traffic changes so that they can plan and prepare.

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[www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org](http://www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org)  
[www.kingcounty.gov/getready](http://www.kingcounty.gov/getready)

**For live camera images, check the Travelers Map:**  
[web6.seattle.gov/travelers](http://web6.seattle.gov/travelers)

### Contact Commute Seattle for employer assistance:

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All this will be worth it. We're building a reimagined waterfront, more light rail, and other important investments to keep pace with our fast-growing city.

Together, we can get through one of our region's toughest transitions.

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